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SUBJECT: SUIT FILED AGAINST ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS CHARGING
HE COLLABORATED WITH THE JUNTA

1. THE MAJORITY OF ATHENS MORNING AND AFTERNOON NEWS-PAPERS ON JUNE 20 REPORTED THAT CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE ATHENS COURT OF MIS-DEMEANORS AGAINST ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS AS AN ACCOMPLICE IN HIGH TREASON, AS A COLLABORATOR OF THE JUNTA, AS CIA AGENT, ETC. ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS, TWO GREEK-AMERICANS RESIDENT IN CHICAGO INITIATED THIS SUIT AND HAVE MADE SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS AS TO WITNESSES WHO SHOULD BE CALLED TO TESTIFY AGAINST IAKOVOS, A LIST WHICH INCLUDES AT LEAST FOUR MEMBERS OF THE GREEK PARLIAMENT.

2. THE ACCUSATIONS LEVIED AGAINST THE ARCHBISHOP INCLUDE THAT HE UTILIZED THE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF AMERICA FOR "UNLAWFUL AND SELFISH PURPOSES"; THAT HE HAD OFFERED HOSPITALITY TO "EMISSARIES, AGENTS AND PROPAGANDISTS" OF THE JUNTA; AND THAT HE HAD ACCEPTED MONEY FROM SUCH PERSONS. THE CHARGE WAS ALSO MADE THAT BOTH "OFFICIALLY AND BEHIND THE SCENES" HE HAD UNDERMINED DEMONSTRATIONS IN SUPPORT

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OF CYPRUS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME RETAINING FOR

HIMSELF FUNDS RAISED TO AID CYPRUS.

3. THE SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS WAS MAKE THAT IN THE
COURSE OF A PURPORTED INTERVIEW WITH APOYEVMATINI
IN 1968, IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION WHETHER HE WAS A
MEMBER OF THE CIA, HE ALLEGEDLY REPLIED: "IT IS TRUE AND I AM
VERY PROUD OF THAT. I HAVE WORKED FOR THE CIA
EVERY TIME IT WAS REQUESTED OF ME. IT IS NO SHAME FOR
ONE TO WORK FOR HIS COUNTRY. I HAVE WORKED FOR THE USA
AS I HAVE WORKED FOR THE UNION OF THE CHURCHES."

4. WHILE PLAY GIVEN THIS REPORT IN THE MORNING PRESS
WAS SOMEWHAT RESTRAINED (WITH EXCEPTION OF COMMUNIST
PAPERS), AFTERNOON PRESS GAVE SOMEWHAT MORE PROMINENT
TREATMENT TO IT WITH ATHINAIKI PRESENTING IT ON PAGE
ONE ALONG WITH PHOTOGRAPH OF THE ARCHBISHOP.
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